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Zone 21 East**

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AN IRISH PRAYER FOR YOU

MAY YOU BE A HALF AN HOUR IN HEAVEN BEFORE THE DEVIL KNOWS YOUR DEAD.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY
FROM THE GRAVENHURST LIONS
CLUB



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Gravenhurst Lions News & Announcements



Birthdays

Kent Ing - Mar 3

Kathy Daoust - Mar 25

Cindy Dann - Mar 28

Anniversaries

Kent & Vi Ing - Mar 13

Garry & Sandra Fitzell - Mar 21

Get Well Wishes

Eunice Chaisson

Carol Kloepfer

Harvey Ramer

And anyone else out there who I was not told about our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Hello Lions!

Here's what we have planned for the balance of the campaign. If you haven't signed up and wish to do so, just drop mail. I'll confirm final details with you a few days before each visit.

Thanks so much for keeping me company – I really appreciate your support!

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Tues. Mar. 6 – Barrie: Ed, Barb, me

Meet at Gravenhurst McDonald's at 5:00pm

Wed. Mar. 7 – Midland: Bud, Ed, me

Meet at Gravenhurst McDonald's at 5:30pm

Tues. Mar. 13 – Gilford: Dave, Kath, me

Meet at Gravenhurst McDonald's at 4:45pm

Wed. Mar. 14 – Dorset: Daniel, Dave, me

Meeting place TBA

Mon. Mar. 19 – Schomberg: Chris, Randy, Kathy, Dave, me

Met at Gravenhurst McDonald's at 4:30pm

Tues. Mar. 20 – Regions 8 & 36 Rally: Barrie – Randy, Dave, me

Meeting place TBA

Wed. Mar. 21 – Stephenson: Ed, Barb, Bud, Fred, Daniel, Dave, me

Meeting place TBA

Mon. Mar. 26 – Wasaga Beach ; Randy, Dave, me

Meeting place TBA

Tues. Apr. 3 – Pointe au Baril: Dave, me

Meeting place TBA

A-12 2008 CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

Please advise Lion Dave Durant which committee(s) you would like to chair or be part of.
 This is a **whole Club** function and **every member** should be on one or more of the committees.

COMMITTEE	DUTIES	MEMBERS
Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> calls meetings arranges for committees and ensures their activity keeps all plans on time line 	Lion Dave Durant
Vice-chairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> assist Chair as required substitute for Chair as required 	Lion Brandon McGregor Lion Bill Daoust
Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> prepare registration form receive registrations send out confirmation letters prepare packages of tickets, name badges, etc. for Lions as they arrive at the convention set up a schedule to man the registration desk at Wasaga Beach and at the convention. arrange for printing of tickets for the Saturday luncheon, Saturday dinner and Sunday Brunch 	Lion Nancy Watt-Durant (chair) Lion Sarah Grimes Lion Marj Lewis Lion Irene Campbell Will require 7 more Lions to assist with manning the registration desk
Hotel & Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> negotiate with the hotel be the contact with the hotel for any committees keep the contract 	Lion Dave Lion Kathy
Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> look after all money sent to the convention committee make sure all bills are approved by the executive committee and paid prepare a budget based on input from various committee chairs 	Lion Ron Riddell
Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> take and distribute minutes of each meeting 	Lion Kathy Daoust
Convention Pin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> design and order convention pins arrange for spare pins to be sold at registration desk at convention 	Lion Brandon McGregor
Promotion and Public Relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> prepare presentation for Wasaga Beach schedule visitations to Zone Meetings, Region Rallies, Cabinet meetings and other Clubs to encourage attendance at our convention send out ads for Gov newsletters set up web page with District Webmaster arrange for Convention Pin obtain and distribute "welcome lions" signs to local merchants the weekend of the convention have banner installed in Town coordinate the local newspapers, radio and TV for the purposes of informing the public that there is a Lions Convention in Gravenhurst and having the media present at various functions 	Lion Chris Lewis (chair) Lion Ed Stirrett Lion Brandon McGregor
Programme Booklet and Printing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> establish the cost of ads in the Convention programme book sell ads in the programme book prepare the programme book and arrange for printing arrange for printing of programmes for Opening Ceremonies, Awards Luncheon, Memorial Service and Closing Brunch 	Lion Daniel Soucy (chair) Lion Dave Durant Lion Brandon McGregor
Convention Draw	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> organize a draw to be sold to Lions in the District. (Since it is "in house" there is no need for a license) arrange for prize(s) and the printing of tickets mail the tickets to each club in A-12 set up a schedule during the convention to sell the tickets arrange for draw drum and conduct draw at Closing Brunch 	? Chair Need Chair plus 2 others Lion Cindy Dann Lion Marj Lewis
Logistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> arrange for pickup of District items from W Beach arrange for storage of same arrange for and put up direction signs and function signs at hotel make sure flags, banner, gong, etc are at the right room at the right time during the convention act as Sergeant at Arms for memorial service and public speaking 	Lion Fred Collins (Chair) Lion Randy McGregor Lion Ian Gray Will need 4 more Lions to help.
Displays Saturday & Sunday In Room ???	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> arrange tables for the various groups who wish to have a display at the convention arrange for security on Friday and Saturday evening 	Need chair plus 1 other

Civic Reception (flag raising) Friday – 5pm At ???	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • coordinate with the PR chair to arrange for the MP, MPP and Mayor and other dignitaries to be present • arrange to have the flag ready to put up • coordinate with the PR chair to have the media present 	Need Chair
Friday evening entertainment Friday 9 – 10pm At the Boathouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • arrange for the entertainment for Friday evening • the MC is usually the IPDG 	Lion Irene Campbell (Chair) Lion Cindy Dann Lion Barb Stirrett Lion Sarah Grimes
Hospitality Rooms Friday and Saturday 10pm – midnight Games Rooms, North Wing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • arrange with candidates re what tables, etc are required. • advise candidates resort rules re signs • act as sergeant-at-arms and close room at midnight • arrange for security for rooms 	Lion Rob Grimes (chair) Lion Ian Gray Need 2 more Lions
PDG Breakfast? Saturday – 7:30 am at Granite? or Taboo?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the IPDG sends out invitations, collects money, and hosts this event • IPDG works through the <i>Hotel and Facilities</i> chair 	IPDG Jim Hilt (Chair) PDG Archie
Opening Ceremonies and Region Rallies Saturday – 9 am Boathouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • work with DG Peter McCague re the implementation of the programme • work with Logistics to arrange for placement of the proper number of chairs, flags, podium, gong, sound system, tables, and generally be present to assist with this event. • arrange for distribution of the programme • have and place "reserved" seating signs for spouses of dignitaries • arrange for piper?, OPP?, Mounties?, to carry flags • put signs up for 3 rooms for Region Rallies 	Need Chair plus 2 others
Awards Luncheon Saturday Noon – 2:30 Boathouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • work with DG Peter to arrange programme • work with Logistics to arrange for placement of name tags, flags, podium, gong, sound system, tables, and assist in this event. • reserve tables as required for dignitaries • arrange for printing of the programme through Programme Chair • collect tickets 	Need Chair plus 2 Lions
Special Interest Sessions Saturday afternoon Locations ??	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contact the speakers and determine what they will require • provide assistance to the speakers as required • make sure signs are in place 	Lion Ian Gray (chair) Need 2 more lions
VIP Reception Saturday 5-6pm Location ??	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • work with DG Peter • Governor Peter sends out invitations and arranges food and drink • location could be in his Platinum suite – or a chalet? 	DG Peter (Chair) Dave Durant
Saturday evening dinner Saturday 7pm Boathouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • collect tickets 	Lion Cindy Dann (chair) Lion Sarah Grimes Lion Marj Lewis Need 2 more Lions
Voting Sunday 8-9am Location ??	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • looked after by the Const. & ByLaws Chair for the District • they will look after the ballots, ballot boxes, etc. • all we have to supply is a room and signs. 	Will be appointed by Gov Peter
CNIB Breakfast? Sunday 8-9am Games Room – North Wing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • food and coffee looked after by the CNIB • our chair only coordinates with them to see what they require. 	Lion Marj Lewis (chair) Rob Grimes
Memorial Service Sunday 9:00 – 9:45 Boathouse ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • arrange for a minister • arrange for music • arrange for distribution of the programme • work with logistics to set up and take down cross, ll • have "reserved" seating signs for spouses of dignitaries • MC is usually the IPDG 	Need chair plus one Lion
Closing Brunch Sunday 10am Boathouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • work with Gov Peter to arrange this function • arrange with Logistics to have flags, etc. • arrange for extra table for trophies • arrange for gift for International Guest • collect tickets 	Lion Marj Lewis (chair) Need 2 more Lions

Revised February 24, 2007

Committee chairs should try to attend all convention committee meetings. Convention committee meetings will be held monthly until March 2008, at which time they will be held every second week until the convention.

Next meeting - Thursday, March 1 – YIG's Community Room – 7:00pm.

Dear District Governor,

There is no doubt about it. Today's families are busier than ever. Technology allows parents to work harder and be more productive than ever before. With school activities, athletic programs, art and music instruction, children have more opportunities to grow and learn than ever before. I have nothing but admiration for those who accept the challenge of raising a family in this fast-paced environment. But there can be a down side to all this activity: families just don't spend enough time together as families. Some forget that there is more to life than their own hectic schedules. Sometimes they even forget to have fun. With family time at such a premium, it's easy to see why young parents are reluctant to sacrifice any of it, even for the best of purposes.

Lions Clubs can change all that. Through the Family Membership Program, we can remind families that meaningful service to others is more satisfying than an entire lifetime of conference calls, piano lessons and soccer games. And we can remind them that serving together is fun! I am pleased to tell you that in January alone, 42 new family-oriented clubs were chartered (with at least 25% of the charter members coming in as family members) and that international headquarters has sent more than 4,500 certificates recognizing Lions for their participation in January inaugural kick-off activities.

This new wave of Lions Clubs and Lions Club members will be a tremendous benefit for our communities and for our association. Our communities will have countless more hearts and hands to serve their needs and Lions Clubs will benefit from the new ideas and new energy these members will bring. Perhaps most important, it helps ensure that there will be a next generation of Lions prepared to step-up and fulfill our motto - We serve.

I ask you to keep this new wave rolling by doing all you can to bring family members into existing clubs and establishing new family-oriented clubs. One important way in which clubs can benefit from family members is by establishing club branches. These branches provide the full benefits of Lions Club membership while accommodating families and other groups with convenient meeting schedules and activities focused on their special interests. Consider extending full Lions membership to Lionesses and "graduating" Leos by establishing club branches tailored to their needs.

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_branch.shtml

Please remember: people join - and stay with - organizations that meet their needs. To be sure that clubs in your district are working to meet the needs of these vital new members, please see http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_family.shtml and view the video report on family membership in the January edition of Lions Quarterly online magazine.

You can maximize the impact of new members on clubs and their communities by taking part in Worldwide Induction Day on April 21. It is an outstanding opportunity for recruiting and to make Lions activities known throughout your district. Start planning your event now by visiting http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_wwday.shtml.

Finally, I am also pleased to announce that I have reached my goal of organizing 15 new Lions Clubs during my term as international president. How are you progressing toward the goal of establishing at least one new club in each district during this Lions year?

As always, I thank you for your dedicated service.

Sincerely,

Jimmy M. Ross
International President

CC:
International Directors and Board Members
Past International Presidents
Past International Directors

Dear Club Officer,

I am very pleased to tell you that our new Family Membership Program is off to an excellent start. In the month of January alone 42 new family-oriented clubs have been chartered (with at least 25% of the charter members coming in as family members). In existing clubs, materials on integrating family members into the dues structure are in high demand and international headquarters has sent more than 4,500 certificates recognizing Lions for participation in the January inaugural kick-off activities.

To keep this trend going and to cement our new members' commitment to the spirit of Lions Clubs International it is imperative that clubs participating in the family initiative plan for family involvement and family-oriented service projects. Family projects should include "hands-on" activities for children, allow families to work together and make use of the talents and skills of members at all stages of life. These fun and engaging projects can also help to invigorate existing members, many of whom report that they enjoy the time they spend with young adults and children. For ideas on family-friendly service projects and events, please visit

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/family_ideas.pdf.

Please also continue to strengthen your club by inviting new members - you may not have to look far for them. Surely there are family members who have become familiar faces by participating in Lions' events just to lend an extra hand. Some may have participated in meetings as guests. These individuals are prime candidates to become full Lions Club members.

I'm sure you have heard of a "win-win" situation in which everybody benefits. Integrating family members into your club is even better - it's "win-win-win."

New members benefit by gaining a formal role in the governance of the club and our association. Their service, which many have gladly given informally and even anonymously, will become eligible for the recognition it truly deserves. And perhaps most important, they will share in the pride of being a Lion.

Your club will gain not only additional hands and minds devoted to service projects, but also increased representation at district conventions. The additional contacts your new members have in the community will expand your networking resources and make it easier for your club to get things done.

Finally - and this is at the heart of why we all became Lions - your community wins today because your club will be able to provide more and better service, and in the future because your club will remain a strong force in your region, providing service for generations to come. For complete information of the Family Membership Program see

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_family.shtml and be sure to view the Family Membership report in the January edition of Lions Quarterly online video magazine.

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/Inn/lq.html>

One way in which your club can enjoy the benefits of family members without interrupting ongoing activities is by the establishment of club branches. Please consider extending full Lions Club membership to Lionesses, "graduating" Leos, and other special groups by creating club branches.

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_branch.shtml

Many clubs will use Worldwide Induction Day on April 21 to showcase their new members and show prospective members what it means to be a Lion.

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_wwday.shtml

This is an excellent opportunity to contact local media outlets and provide them with a public service announcement that will tell the story of Lions Clubs International and your club. For more information about how to place a public service announcement please see

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/resources_pr_psa.shtml#.

Thank you for all you do to serve your club and your community.

Sincerely,

Jimmy M. Ross
International President



March 2007

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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Mar. 5, 19, 26 - Breakfast program at Beechgrove School from 8:15 am to 8:45 am

Mar. 6 - Lions Meeting at the Granite Restaurant at 7pm

Mar. 7 - Leo Meeting at YIG in Community Room at 7pm

Mar. 11 - Daylight Savings begins so remember to set your clocks ahead an hour on Sat. night

Mar. 17 Happy St. Patrick's Day

Mar. 20 - Lions Meeting at the Granite Restaurant at 7pm

Mar. 21 - Leo Meeting at YIG in the Community Room at 7pm. It will be an Induction Night with DG Lion Jim Hilt

Mar. 24, 25 - Lions Learning Weekend in Bracebridge at the Riverside Inn

Mar. 27 - Directors Meeting at YIG in the Community Room at 7

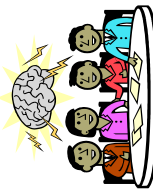
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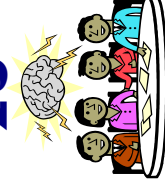
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